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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT: DETAILED SCENARIO: PETRA VISIT

REF: AMMAN 6060

1. THE FOLLOWING IS DETAILED PETRA SECENARIO, TO BE ADDED TO
CONTENTS REFTEL WHICH CONTAINED DETAILED GENERAL SCHEDULE.

GENERAL NOTES: PETRA IS A SPECACULAR RUIN DATING FROM
NABATEAN PERIOD (ABOUT 5TH CENTURY B.C. TO 5TH
CENTURY A.D.) COMPRISING MANY SANDSTONE BUILDINGS CARVED
FROM THE ROSE-COLORED STONE OF STEEP CLIFFS.

2. CLOTHING: WEATHER WILL BE 80-90 F.
AND DRY WITH BRIGHT SUN.
AS A RESULT OF PERSONAL INSPECTION OF PETRA BELIEVE IT
ADVISABLE WEAR SPORT CLOTHES AND STURDY SHOES; PETRA TERRAIN IS
HILLY, ROCKY AND DUSTY AND CLOTHES WILL BE SOILED. WE WILL
SEGREGATE AND ARRANGE TO DELIVER BAGS FOR ALL PERSONS MAKING
PETRA TRIP TO THEIR ACCOMMODATIONS IN AQABA IN ORDER TO PERMIT
CHANGE OF CLOTHES IN AQABA. TOILETS ARE AVAILABLE TO TWO GUEST
HOUSES ON ITINERARY. BRING CAMERAS AS SPECTACULAR
PHOTOGRAPHS OF PETRA CAN BE TAKEN FROM HELICOPTER AND
LANDROVER. PRESS WILL ALSO BE ON HAND FOR COVERAGE OF
VISIT. (DETAILS SEPTTEL.)

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3. 8:30 A.M. SOME OF OFFICIAL PARTY, RODMAN, DR. WOLFE AND 4
MAN PRESS POOL LEAVE HOTEL FOR HELICOPTER PAD LOCATED ACROSS
STREET FROM SECRETARY'S LODGINGS IN ROYAL PALACE COMPLEX.
8:45 A.M. - ARRIVE HELICOPTER PAD AND BOARD HELICOPTERS.
9:00 A.M. - SECRETARY, PM RIFAI AND SOME MEMBERS
OFFICIAL PARTY FINISH BREAKFAST AT CROWN PRINCE'S RESIDENCE
AND BOARD HELICOPTERS.

4. 10:15 A.M. - ARRIVE PETRA VIA HELICOPTER. PASSENGER LIST
IN PARA 8 BELOW. HELICOPTERS WILL LAND ON PARKING LOTS OUTSIDE
PETRA ENTRANCE. HELICOPTER CARRYING SECRETARY WILL
LAND LAST PRECEDED BY SECRET SERVICE HELICOPTER (NEXT TO IT)
AND OTHER FOUR HELICOPTERS. THIS WILL ALLOW ALL PASSENGERS TO
BOARD VEHICLE PRIOR TO SECRETARY AND PRESS TO TAKE
PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARRIVAL. MINISTER OF TOURISM GHALEB BARAKAT
AND ANTIQUITIES EXPERT DR. FAWZI ZAYADDIN WILL CONDUCT SECRETARY
ON TOUR OF PETRA IN CAR WITH SECRETARY AND PRIME MINISTER.

5. PARTY WILL BOARD OPEN LANDROVERS (FOUR PASSENGERS PLUS GUID
AND DRIVER) KEEPING SAME SEATING ASSIGNMENTS AS IN HELICOPTERS.
TWO SECURITY VEHICLES WITH MOUNTED MACHINE GUNS CARRYING JORDANIAN
SECURITY (TWO SECRET SERVICE AGENTS IN EACH) WILL PRECEDE AND
FOLLOW SECRETARY'S LANDROVER.
MOTORCADE AS FOLLOWS:

LANDROVER NO. 1 - SECRETARY, PRIME MINISTER, MINISTER OF TOURISM,
DR. FAWZI ZAYADIN (GUIDE)
SECRET SERVICE, JORDANIAN SECURITY

(OTHERS, SAME SEATING AS IN HELICOPTERS PER PARA. 8 BELOW.)

6. FOLLOWING IS GENERAL ITINERARY DURING TWO HOUR TOUR OF PETRA:

10:20 A.M. - ARRIVE AT ENTRANCE TO ONE-HALF MILE LONG "SIQ"
(THE CLEFT), FRAMATIC NARROW PATH IN PETRA BELOW TOWERING
AND MAJESTIC SANDSTONE CLIFFS. SHORT STOP IN CARS FOR GENERAL
DESCRIPTION BY ANTIQUITIES DIRECTOR.

10:25 A.M. - PROCEED THROUGH SIQ

10:30 A.M. - ARRIVE AT ENTRANCE TO PETRA TO VISIT FOLLOWING
PRINCIPAL MONUMENTS COVERING ONE-HALF MILE SQUARE AREA; STOP AT
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"TREASURY", DISMOUNT LANDROVER FOR 15 MINUTE VISIT.

10:45 A.M. - "PRIME MINISTER'S TOMB" BUILT IN CIRCA 71 AD IN
MEMORY NABATEAN MINISTER (REMAIN IN LANDROVERS).

10:50 A.M. - EARLY ROMAN THEATER CIRCA 4 AD (REMAIN IN LANDROVERS).

10:55 A.M. - "THE URN TOMB" AND LATER 5TH AD BYZANTINE
BASICICA. VISIT INTERIOR ON FOOT AFTER SHORT CLIMB UP STEPS.

11:05 A.M. - MOUNT LANDROVERS; PROCEED TO NABATEAN AND ROMAN
TEMPLE AND MONUMENTAL GATEWAY.

11:15 A.M. - VISIT ONE-ROME MUSUEM (NEXT TO TEMPLE) FOR
INSPECTION OF NABATEAN AND ROMAN SCULPTURE AND POTTERY.
11:30 A.M. - PROCEED TO REST HOUSE (NEXT TO MUSEUM) FOR LIGHT
REFRESHMENTS AFTER DUSTY AND WARM TOUR.
11:50 P.M. - SECRETARY AND PM RIFAI AND SECRET SERICE
REMAIN AT REST HOUSE WHILE ALL OTHERS DEPART BY LANDROVER, RETRACING
ROUTE TO WHERE HELICOPTERS LANDED.
12:05 P.M. - PERSONS IN LANDROVERS ARRIVE AT HELICOPTERS AT
ENTRANCE TO EPTRA BOARD HELICOPTERS NO. 1 AND 2 WHICH HAVE BEEN MOVED
AND POSITIONED IN FRONT OF REST HOUSE.
12:05 P.M. - SECRETARY, PRIME MINISTER AND SECRET SERVICE
DEPART PETRA FOR AQABA.
12:10 P. M. - REMAINING HOUR HELICOPTERS DEPART FROM HELIPAD WHERE
ORIGINALLY LANDED. ALL HELICOPTERS PASS OVER PETRA MONUMENTS AND
"HIGH PLACES" ABOVE CITY.
12:50 P.M. - ALL HELICOPTERS ARRIVE AQABA.

7. AMMAN-AQABA SEHEDULE: WE OUTLINE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE FOR PARTY
NOT GOING TO PETRA:

9:00 A.M. - SECRETARIAT AND SENIOR STAFF OFFICE CLOSE IN CHANCERY
AND HOTEL. ALL PERSONNEL, CLASSIFIED MATERIAL, AND SUPPLIES ON
SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT INCLUDING ACCOMPANYING PRESS (EXCEPT
PETRA PASSENGERS) PROCEED TO AIRPORT.
9:40 A.M. - ABOVE PERSONS ARRIVE AIRPORT AND BOARD AIRCRAFT.
9:15 A.M. - STAFF ASSISTANT'S OFFICE CLOSES FOLLOWING SECRETARY'S
DEPARTURE AND MOVES TO AIRPORT.
9:45 A.M. - ABOVE PERSONS ARRIVE AIRPORT.
9:50 A.M. - ALL BAORD SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT.
10:00 A.M. - SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT DEPARTS FOR AQABA.
10:40 A.M. - ARRIVE AQABA AIRPORT.

8. HELICOPTER ASSIGNMENTS FOR AMMAN-PETRA DN PETRA-AQABA:

NO.1 -- PRIME MINISTER RIFAI, SECRETARY KISSINGER
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NO. 2 -- U.S. SECRET SERIVCE (3), DR. WOLFE
NO. 3 -- PICKERING, SISCO, BINKER, ATHERTON
NO. 4 -- SAUNDERS, ANDERSON, OAKLEY, RODMAN
NO. 5 -- FOUR MAN PRESS POOL
NO. 6 -- CHIEF OF ROYAL PROTOCOL, JORDANIAN DOCTOR,
EMBASSY CONTROL OFFICER, EMBASSY PRESS LIAISON.
NO. 7 -- BACKUP HELICOPTER.
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